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SUBJECT: GEORGIA: PREPARED TO SUPPORT USG ON IRAN, BUT

CAUTIOUS ABOUT JOINING THE CHORUS

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Classified By: CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. KENT LOGSDON. REASONS: 1.4 (B) AND (D).

(C) As requested, Charge raised points reftel with Georgian Foreign Minister Grigol Vashadze September 16 and asked for Georgia's support. FM Vashadze responded that Georgia was prepared to help the U.S. regarding Iran and would be supportive. However, according to Vashadze, Iranian officials had also suggested that Georgia needed to be careful in its dealings with Tehran, otherwise Iran would consider formulating new policies toward the separatist territories of South Ossetia and Abkhazia. In Vashadze's view, this was a veiled threat regarding possible recognition of the two territories.